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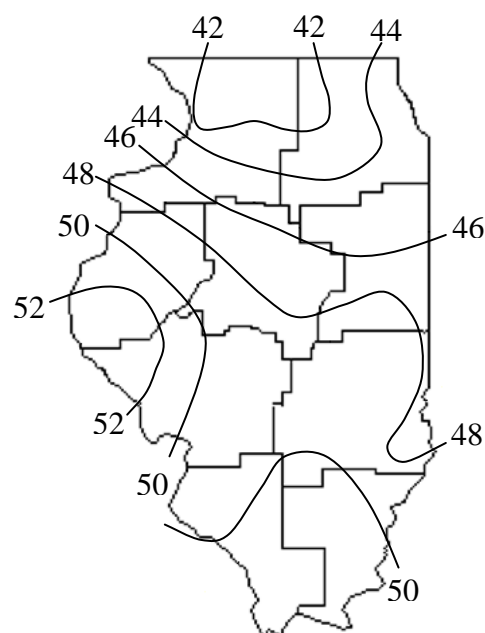
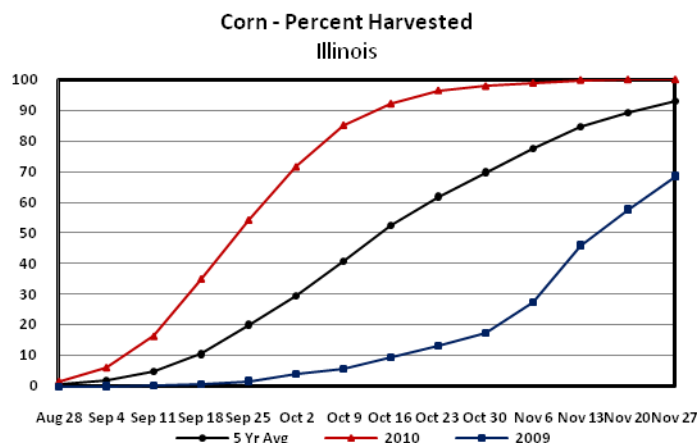
## Agricultural Summary

The state-wide average temperature for the week was 42.7 degrees, about 5 degrees below normal. Precipitation was also below normal at 0.06 inches. The norm for the same time period is 0.95 inches. Field activities included tillage, field repair, and the application of fertilizers. Machinery preparations were also underway. It was too windy for some to engage in spray applications. Oats planted increased to 26 percent from the previous week. This compares to 39 percent planted for the same time period last year. Corn planted was typical for this time of year, with less than one percent of fields planted in the entire state. Many farmers were waiting for warmer temperatures to begin planting. Alfalfa continued to grow at a slow pace. Grasses were still beginning to turn green with little grazing. Farmers had 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stood at 2 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Year Average
April 3				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Planted	1/	0	0	0
<b>OATS:</b>				
Planted	26	4	39	18

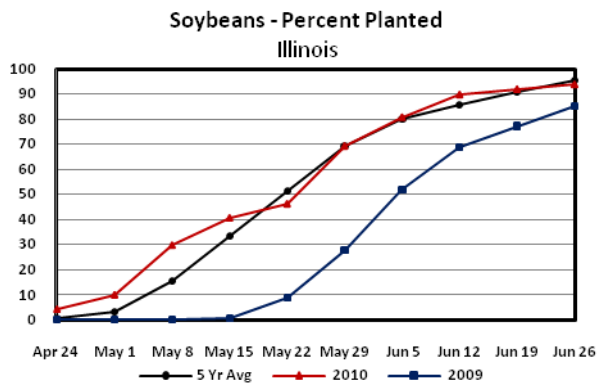
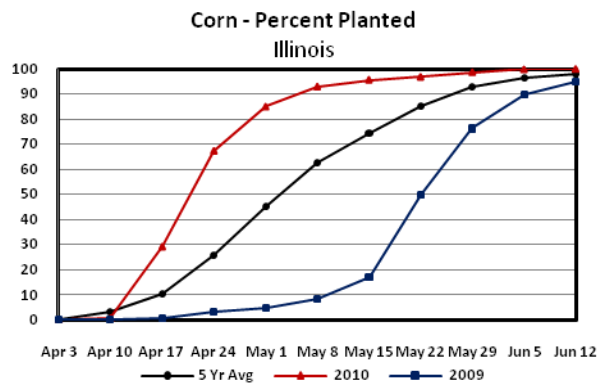
1/ Less than one percent.



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)  
April 3 10 a.m.

### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 28-April 3			April 3	
Northwest	3.4	-	1	93	6
Northeast	2.0	-	3	97	-
West	5.2	-	26	73	1
Central	4.4	1	7	91	1
East	3.3	6	13	73	8
W Southwest	4.6	-	2	76	22
E Southeast	2.9	-	2	77	21
Southwest	3.5	-	2	53	45
Southeast	2.4	-	-	56	44
State	3.7	1	7	79	13

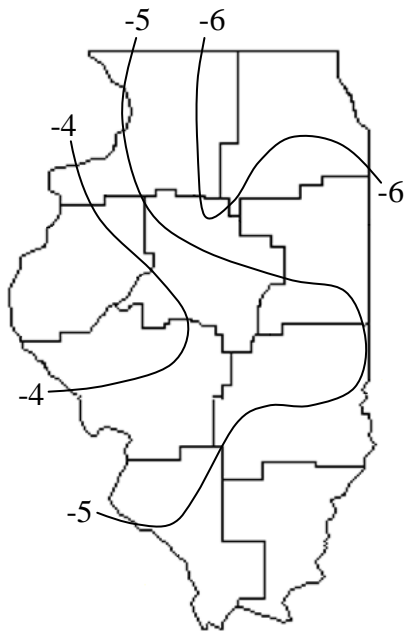


### Crop Condition Percents

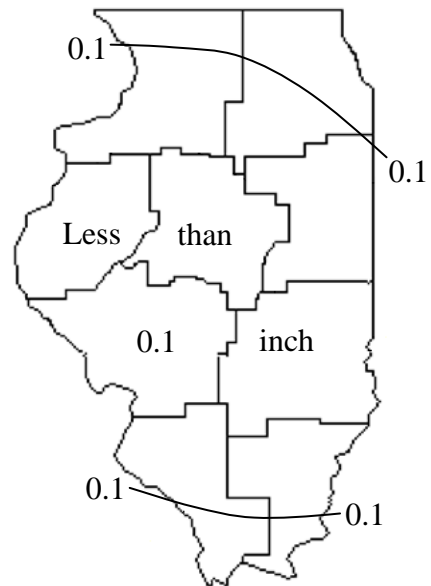
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 3		
Winter Wheat	2	10	33	43	12
Alfalfa	1	3	25	64	7
Pasture	3	9	29	52	7

# **Weather Information Table**

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 28 - April 3				
Northwest	38.8	-5.1	0.09	-0.69
Northeast	37.7	-6.1	0.13	-0.71
West	44.1	-3.1	0.07	-0.77
Central	42.0	-4.6	0.02	-0.79
East	41.1	-5.2	0.05	-0.77
W Southwest	45.0	-3.9	0.01	-0.87
E Southeast	44.5	-5.0	0.05	-1.02
Southwest	45.8	-5.6	0.08	-1.22
Southeast	46.2	-5.6	0.06	-1.32
State	42.7	-4.9	0.06	-0.89



Temperature (°F) Departure  
March 28 - April 3



Precipitation (in.) Total  
March 28 - April 3

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